

**Services to Youth - Year in Review
July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017**

Youth Ages 16-24*

Served in the Vocational Rehabilitation Program

The Vocational Rehabilitation Program served **9,685** youths age 16 to 24 during SFY 2017.

862 of these consumers were placed in employment, with an average hourly wage of **\$12.41**

Employed young consumers worked an average of **27** hours per week.

During SFY2017, MRC served **5,221** high school and post-secondary education students with disabilities aged 16 to 22 through its VR Area Offices. MRC also operated Pre-Employment Transition Service (Pre-ETS) contracts with **20** vendors across the Commonwealth serving **824** students. These programs offer work-based learning experiences, job readiness and skills trainings, assistance with enrollment in post-secondary education and training programs, job exploration, and leadership/mentoring services to students with disabilities.

During SFY2017, MRC provided work-based learning experiences for **1,169** young consumers across the Commonwealth through its Local Area Office Internship Program, CVS Health Summer Internship Program, Pre-ETS Contracts, and Transitional Internship Program (TIP). These work-based learning experiences provide employment related skills and guidance, and references to facilitate permanent future employment opportunities.

**Who Are Our
Young Consumers?**

Male **59.5%**
Female **40.5%**

| Age Profile* | % Served |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| 16 | 0.8% |
| 17 | 4.8% |
| 18 | 13.0% |
| 19 | 18.0% |
| 20 | 16.4% |
| 21 | 14.3% |
| 22 | 12.6% |
| 23 | 10.2% |
| 24 | 9.8% |

| Referral Source | |
|------------------------|-------|
| 688 Referral | 35.6% |
| Lead Education Agency | 23.4% |
| TAC-Assigned | 0.4% |
| Other Referral Source | 40.6% |

| Disability Profile | |
|---------------------------|-------|
| Sensory/Communicative | 6.7% |
| Physical/Mobility | 6.8% |
| Cognitive/Psychological | 86.6% |

**Age during Fiscal Year 2017*

FACTS AT A GLANCE

The goal of our services is to promote dignity through employment and community living, one person at a time. We hope all citizens with disabilities in Massachusetts will have the opportunity to contribute as a productive member of their community and family as a result of services provided by the MRC.

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| Youths actively receiving services | 9,685 |
| Youths enrolled in training/education programs | 7,583 |
| Average hourly wage for employed youths | \$12.41 |